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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER STATES TERRITORIAL

QUESTION TO HAVE PRIORITY IN RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

1. GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT FEBRUARY 5 IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESUMPTION OF
THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS, ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-
OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN

2. BEGIN QUOTE. IN YESTERDAY'S NEWS AGENCY DISPATCHED, THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF TURKEY, MR CAGLAYANGIL, REFERRING TO ISSUES
WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WAS REPORTED
TO HAVE STATED THAT NONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE PRIORITY DURING
THE TALKS. THIS IS NOT ACCURATE. IT HAD BEEN EXPRESSLY AGREED
IN BRUSSELS THAT, AS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL
ISSUE AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAD
ALREADY BEEN THE OBJECT OF EXPLORATION DURING THE FOUR PREVIOUS
ROUNDS OF TALKS, THIS TIME IT WAS NECESSARY THAT NEGOTIATIONS
BEGIN FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL PROBLEMS. END QUOTE.

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